



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending January 04, 2003, growers placed 11.8 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.8% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) increased 1.8% from the comparable week in 2002. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.4 million, an increase of 0.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.2 million for the week ending December 28, 2002 compared to 8.5 million slaughtered during the same week in 2001.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CUR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CUR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CUR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
11/09/2002	14,803	14,470	11,275	11,082	11,275	11,361
11/16/2002	13,858	13,724	10,895	10,682	10,895	11,082
11/23/2002	14,495	13,713	11,737	11,534	11,737	11,535
11/30/2002	15,785	14,579	12,005	11,842	12,005	11,842
12/07/2002	13,127	14,436	11,261	11,299	11,261	11,299
12/14/2002	14,089	14,403	11,786	11,369	11,788	11,369
12/21/2002	14,642	14,322	12,981	12,011	12,981	12,011
* 12/28/2002	14,150	14,316	10,674	11,830	10,676	11,830
01/04/2003	14,270	14,357	11,603	11,810	11,603	11,810

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	01/11/2003	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	59.68	55.22	47.30	47.57
12-City Composite 2/	61.08	58.22	53.14	55.66

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
- 2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

